Irregularities in children homes

2749. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that children homes, especially in Mumbai, have been found with serious irregularities/lapses;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to preserve the children homes with proper infrastructure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) Reports of irregularities have come to notice in the children homes located in Maharashtra recently due to mismanagement. The Government of Maharashtra has drawn up an action plan for sanctioning new homes, upgrading the facilities, training the staff, grading the institutes and reviewing the vocational training programmes.

The State Governments and Union Territory Administrations are provided funds under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'A Programme for Juvenile Justice' for *inter-alia*, maintenance and up-gradation of children homes.

Inclusion in OBC List

2750. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of castes included in the list of OBCs;

(b) whether Government propose to include some more castes in the list of OBCs;

(c) whether any representation have been received in this respect from the States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) 4582 castes/communities (including synonyms) from different State/